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MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Support Assistant, Executive Staff, DD/I

SUBJECT : Comments on CIA Response to USIB-D-64.6/12
Review of Intelligence Activities Against
Communist China

1. We do not have any major substantive problems with this report; we note that in the Clandestine Services portion (page 23) DDP comments that "The clandestine operators must themselves build an improved, internally-oriented research and analysis capability". The reasons given are "(1) research aimed at the special, and sometimes peculiar, problems of clandestine collection is of little value for substantive intelligence research of a more general nature; and, (2) in order for operational support research to be meaningful and usable by the collector, it must be performed by persons with detailed knowledge of and expertise in clandestine operations and operational techniques."

2. We do not feel this reasoning to be valid. The substantive offices of the DDI and DD/S&T, given sufficient guidance by the Clandestine Services, can perform the quality of operational research necessary to insure a worthwhile intelligence production. The DDP suggestion would only serve to widen the gulf already separating the clandestine services from the production offices of the CIA, a separation which is not in the best interest of national intelligence. However, we do not believe that this point should be openly discussed in this paper unless the DDI is willing to fill the operational support gap in a more positive way than at present. You may wish to pursue this matter further to determine the position of the Office of the Deputy Director for Intelligence.

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